

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

The present application includes pending claims 1-31, all of which have been rejected. Independent claims 1, 11, and 21 have been amended. The Applicant respectfully submits that the claims define patentable subject matter.

Claims 1-5, 8-15, 18-25, and 28-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0104099 ("Novak"). Claims 6, 7, 16, 17, 26, and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Novak, in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,174,512 ("Martin"). The Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections at least based on the following remarks.

I. Examiner's Arguments in the Advisory Office Action

The Examiner states the following in page 2 of the Advisory Office Action:

The Examiner submits Applicant's Claim 1 requires that "broadcast media and/or transferred media" is provided for organization at the first location. Therefore, one of broadcast or transferred media is sufficient to meet the claimed limitation. Novak clearly teaches that transferred "personal media" is organized at the upload source 122 into a "synthetic channel" (Novak Fig. 4 Step 404, "create a schedule of programming" as described in Paragraph [0057]; with further reference to Interface 702 of Fig. 7, as described in Paragraph [0063]). Therefore the Examiner upholds the rejection applied to the cited portion of Claim 1 above.

As already explained in the August 4, 2008 response, the server 124 (and not the uploader 122) stores the media for the synthetic channel. Obviously, the Examiner is

equating Applicant's "first location" to Novak's location of server 124. Furthermore, the personal media uploaded by uploader 122 to server 124 is organized into a "synthetic channel" at the location of server 124. The Applicant also notes that the entire FIG. 4 of Novak relates to a method of providing media to the server 124, not the location of uploader 122, for purposes of organizing the "synthetic channel". The Applicant has clarified claims 1, 11, and 21, as set forth above, to emphasize that the channel organized at Applicant's "first location" is organized using the media located at the first location and broadcast media. As explained in the August 4, 2008 response, neither the location of server 124 nor the location of the local studio 106 (or even the location of the uploader 122) is used for purposes of organizing the synthetic channel to include the transferred personal media and broadcast programming.

The Examiner further states the following in page 2 of the Advisory Office Action:

The Examiner submits that Novak's token "may trigger an application (or the token itself can be an application) that causes the EPG 153 and/or the set top box to add the synthetic channel to the program listings" (Paragraph [0058]). Novak further teaches, regarding a token, that an application, such as a Java applet, is automatically downloaded and triggers an update of EPG 153 (as described in Paragraph [0080]); Therefore, the Examiner upholds the rejection applied to the cited portion of claim 1 above.

The Applicant respectfully disagrees and submits that the above still does not fully address Applicant's argument in the August 4, 2008 response. For example, even if Novak's token "may trigger an application (or the token itself can be an application)", the

fact remains that the token is emailed to the end user as an attachment and the end user is aware of the token. Similarly, in reference to the Java applet download, Novak requires the user to specifically navigate to the source of the personal media, i.e., the server 124, for purposes of subscribing to the media offered by the server 124. After, the user knowingly navigates to the media server 124, the applet can be downloaded and the media guide updated. In both instances, the user is aware that specific user actions (downloading of the attachment or navigating to the media source 124) will result in updating of the channel guide. Therefore, the Applicant maintains that Novak does not disclose that there is any transparent transfer of the organized channels from the first location to a second location, as recited in Applicant's claim 1.

The Applicant respectfully maintains the arguments stated in the August 4, 2008 response.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

II. Novak Does Not Anticipate Claims 1-5, 8-15, 18-25, and 28-31

The Applicant now turns to the rejection of claims 1-5, 8-15, 18-25, and 28-31 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Novak. With regard to the anticipation rejections under 102, MPEP 2131 states that "[a] claim is anticipated only if **each and every element** as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." See Manual of Patent Examining Procedure

(MPEP) at 2131 (internal citation omitted). Furthermore, "[t]he identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim." See *id.* (internal citation omitted).

Without conceding that Novak qualifies as prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), the Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection as follows.

A. Rejection of Independent Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

With regard to the rejection of independent claim 1 under 102(e), the Applicant submits that Novak does not disclose or suggest at least the limitation of "organizing, at said first location, said located media and at least a portion of broadcast media into channels," as recited by the Applicant in independent claim 1.

The Final Office Action states:

With respect to Claim 1, the claimed "locating media stored locally at least at a first location in the communication network; organizing, at said first location, said located media and at least a portion of broadcast media and/or transferred media into channels" is met by the Novak reference that teaches an upload source 122 sending media files to a local studio 106 and having control as to their scheduling in a 'synthetic' channel – whereby uploaded media files may consist of recorded audio/video clips of television programs (Figs. 1, 4; paragraphs 0010, 0026, 0039, 0041, 0056, & 0057).

See the Final Office Action at page 3. Initially, the Applicant points out that none of the cited paragraphs (paragraphs 0010, 0026, 0039, 0041, 0056, & 0057), or any remaining paragraphs of Novak, disclose that the upload source 122 communicates

media files to the local studio 106. Only paragraph 0041 of Novak discloses that the upload source 122 can have an agreement with the local studio 106 and notify studio 106 of the web address of web site 124, which maintains the uploaded media for the synthetic channel. In this regard, the cable subscribers can be provided with media programs from the server or web site 124. Notwithstanding, the Applicant points out that none of the data that is uploaded by the upload source 122 to the server or web site 124 includes any broadcast programming.

Referring to FIG. 1 of Novak, the Applicant points out that the upload source 122 can upload media to the web site or server 124. See Novak at ¶¶ 0040-0041. In addition, the uploaded media may include personal media or recorded clips of TV programs, as described in more detail in ¶ 0039 of Novak. **However, the media uploaded to server 124 does not include any television broadcast programming (the Applicant notes that recorded clips of TV programs do not constitute broadcast media as the video clips are personal recordings that are not being broadcast, i.e., mass-communicated). As seen from Novak's FIG. 1, such broadcast media is provided separately by the cable service provider 108 over the cable network 134 and it is not provided together with the personal media in one channel.**

In reference to the Advisory Office Action, the Applicant points out that the server 124 (and not the uploader 122) stores the media for the synthetic channel. Obviously,

the Examiner, in the Final Office Action, is equating Applicant's "first location" to Novak's location of server 124. Furthermore, the personal media uploaded by uploader 122 to server 124 is organized into a "synthetic channel" at the location of server 124. The Applicant also notes that the entire FIG. 4 of Novak relates to a method of providing media to the server 124, not the location of uploader 122, for purposes of organizing the "synthetic channel". The Applicant has clarified claims 1, 11, and 21, as set forth above, to emphasize that the channel organized at Applicant's "first location" is organized using the media located at the first location and broadcast media. Neither the location of server 124 nor the location of the local studio 106 (or even the location of the uploader 122) is used for purposes of organizing the synthetic channel to include the transferred personal media and broadcast programming.

In this regard, Novak does not disclose or suggest at least the limitation of "organizing, at said first location, said located media and at least a portion of broadcast media into channels," as recited by the Applicant in independent claim 1.

Furthermore with regard to the rejection of independent claim 1 under 102(e), the Applicant submits that Novak does not disclose or suggest at least the limitation of "transparently transferring from said first location, at least a portion of said organized channels to at least a second location within the communication network," as recited by the Applicant in independent claim 1.

The Final Office Action states:

The claimed "transparently transferring from said first location, at least a portion of said organized channels to at least a second location within the communication network" is met by the Novak reference that teaches a user at a second location 152 receiving media files associated with the 'synthetic' channel when it is selected for viewing – whereby a 'synthetic' channel is added to an user's EPG 153 at a 2nd location, via an emailed token or other electronic file which allows for a 'transparent' addition of the 'synthetic' channel **since the user at the 2nd location is unaware of the process in which the 'synthetic' channel is added to their EPG** (Figs. 1,2,4, 11; paragraphs 0041, 0058, 0059, 0085, & 0086).

See the Final Office Action at page 3 (emphasis added). The Applicant respectfully disagrees with the above argument, especially the above bolded portion. Referring to FIG. 4 of Novak, the Applicant points out that at step 406, a token or electronic file is **sent to the end user** to subscribe the end user's terminal (set top box 152) to the synthetic channel. More specifically, Novak, at ¶ 0058, discloses that the individual (who uploads the media to server or web site 124) **emails the token or other electronic file to the end user**. Obviously, the user will be aware of such emailed token. In this regard, Novak also does not disclose that at least a portion of the channel itself is transparently transferred to at least a second location within the communication network, as recited in Applicant's claim 1. Furthermore, the Applicant submits that the fact that a token or an electronic file is transferred to effectuate subscription to the synthetic channel illustrates that the transfer of information is not transparent.

Accordingly, independent claim 1 is not anticipated by Novak and is allowable. Independent claims 11 and 21 are similar in many respects to the method disclosed in

independent claim 1. Therefore, the Applicant submits that independent claims 11 and 21 are also allowable over the reference cited in the Final Office Action at least for the reasons stated above with regard to claim 1.

B. Rejection of Dependent Claims 2-5, 8-10, 12-15, 18-20, 22-25, and 28-31

Based on at least the foregoing, the Applicant believes the rejection of independent claims 1, 11, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Novak has been overcome and requests that the rejection be withdrawn. Additionally, claims 2-5, 8-10, 12-15, 18-20, 22-25, and 28-31 depend from independent claims 1, 11, and 21, respectively, and are, consequently, also respectfully submitted to be allowable.

The Applicant also reserves the right to argue additional reasons beyond those set forth above to support the allowability of claims 2-5, 8-10, 12-15, 18-20, 22-25, and 28-31.

III. The Proposed Combination of Novak and Martin Does Not Render Claims 6, 7, 16, 17, 26, and 27 Unpatentable

Based on at least the foregoing, the Applicant believes the rejection of independent claims 1, 11, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Novak has been overcome and requests that the rejection be withdrawn. Additionally,

since the additional cited reference (Martin) does not overcome the deficiencies of Novak, claims 6, 7, 16, 17, 26, and 27 depend from independent claims 1, 11, and 21, respectively, and are, consequently, also respectfully submitted to be allowable at least for the reasons stated above with regard to allowability of claim 1. The Applicant also reserves the right to argue additional reasons beyond those set forth above to support the allowability of claims 6, 7, 16, 17, 26, and 27.

CONCLUSION

Based on at least the foregoing, the Applicant believes that all claims 1-31 are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner disagrees, the Applicant respectfully requests a telephone interview, and requests that the Examiner telephone the undersigned Attorney at (312) 775-8176.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Account No. 13-0017.

A Notice of Allowability is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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